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SUBJ:IMID-OCTOBER MEETINGS OF MTN SUBGROUPS ON DAIRY AND MEAT

REF: SEASTRUM/KOENING TELECON

1. IWE UNDERSTAND THAT AUSTRALIA IS WORKING ON A PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL BEEF AGREEMENT AND NEW ZEALAND ON A PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL DAIRY AGREEMENT. THESE PROPOSALS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE MEETINGS OF THE MTN SUBGROUPS ON MEAT AND DAIRY SCHEDULED FOR MID-OCTOBER.

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2. AUSTRALIAN DEL TOLD US THAT THEY DO NOT YET KNOW THE DETAILS OF THE AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL FOR A BEEF AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, THEY STATED THAT BEFORE BROACHING THIS PROPSAL, IT WILL BE DISCUSSED FIRST WITH THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT AND THEN WITH THE EC. IT THUS MIGHT NOT BE READY AT THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER.

3. THE AUSTRALIAN DEL BELIEVES THAT THE PROPOSAL WILL IN SUBSTANCE CONSIST IN COORDINATED MEASURES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS TO NATIONAL BEEF MARKETS (JAPAN, EC, I.U.S.). COORDINATION REPORTEDLY SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH A SURVEILLANCE BODY ESPECIALLY CREATED FOR THIS PURPOSE. THIS BODY WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE THE GATT INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON MEAT. AUSTRALIAN DEL POINTED OUT THAT UNLIKE IN OTHER COMMODITY AREAS, PRICE AGREEMENTS AND STOCKING OPERATIONS ARE NOT FEASIBLE IN THE BEEF SECTOR. THE MAIN EMPHASIS OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT MUST THEREFORE BE BETTER MARKET ACCESS.

4. NEW ZEALAND DEL INDICATED THAT DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL DAIRY AGREEMENT SEEMS TO BE RATHER ADVANCED IN WELLINGTON ALTHOUGH DEL NOT INFORMED ABOUT DETAILS. HOWEVER, NEW ZEALAND DEL IS CERTAIN THAT THEIR PROPOSAL WILL BE READY FOR SUBMISSION TO THE MTN SUBGROUP DAIRY BY THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER. SINCE THE EC REPORTEDLY HAS REVISED ITS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FOR STRENGTHENING THE EXISTING DAIRY ARRANGEMENT (MCN/DP/W21 OF JUNE 1975) NEW ZEALAND WILL DISCUSS ITS PROPOSAL FIRST WITH THE EC BEFORE DISCUSSING IT WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING THE U.S. BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUBMITTING A JOINT PROPOSAL TOGETHER WITH THE EC. NEW ZEALAND DEL TOLD US THAT THEY KNOW ONLY THAT THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSAL WILL CONSIST OF TWO PARTS, ONE DEALING WITH IMPROVED MARKET ACCESS, THE OTHER WITH STRENGTHENING THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL DAIRY ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING INSTRUMENTS FOR BETTER CONTROL OF THE AGREED MINIMUM PRICES.

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